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## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2000, the term for response to which expires on September 21, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2/4, 5/12, 14/14 and 15/14, without prejudice; amend claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 11, 16, 18 and 20; and add new claims 21-24, as follows:

(Amended) A confocal microscope apparatus comprising:

a light-emitting portion for emitting a light beam with which a specimen to be observed is irradiated;

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August 25, 2000 Dated:

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